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Whereas, a five storey building, known as 'Ruby Residency', situated at Chavdi, Canacona, collapsed on 4th January, 2014 at about 14.30 hrs. thereby claiming many lives and rendering few people injured.

And whereas, it is reported that the search and rescue operations are required to be continued till date to locate the bodies of the workers who are believed to have been trapped under the debris of the said building, out of which few workers are believed to be from Goa and also from other States of the country.

And further whereas on preliminary technical inquiry into the matter by the expert team from Goa Engineering College headed by Prof. Krishna S. G. Gupta, Head of Department (Civil) and the Engineers of Public Works Department of Goa Government, it is revealed that cause of the building to collapse was due to weak construction amongst other reasons.

And also whereas it is prima facie seen that certain lapses have occurred from administrative machinery at the level of local self government as well as Government department.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), the Government of

Goa hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of following members:-

1. Shri V. K. Jha, IAS (Retd.) — Chairman.
2. Shri Manohar Gadgil, — Member.
Consultant & Ex-Head of
Veermata Jijabai Technical
Institute, Mumbai
3. Dr. Krishna S. G. Gupta, — Member.
Head of Department,
Civil Engineering,
Goa Engineering College,
Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa
4. Shri Venancio Furtado, — Member
Officiating Collector Secretary.
South Goa, South Goa District,
Margao-Goa

The terms of reference for the Commission shall be as under:-

1. To determine the immediate and proximate causes for the collapse of the building;
2. To determine the circumstances and sequences of events leading to the collapse of the building;
3. To fix responsibility, both individual and institutional, for the collapse of this building and for buildings already built that are unsafe structurally;
4. To determine the administrative, procedural and statutory lapses of various departments and agencies to evaluate structural safety aspects of buildings already built or proposed to be built in the State and to recommend remedial measures;

5. To recommend measures that will help Government to formulate guidelines for future.
6. Any other matters arising out of, or relating to, the foregoing that come to the Commission's notice in the course of its inquiries and that it considers it should investigate.

And whereas the Government is of the opinion that having regard to the nature of inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-sections (2), (3), (4) of Section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission.

The Government hereby directs under Section (1) of the said Section 5 that all the provisions aforesaid shall apply to the said Commission.

The Committee shall submit its preliminary report within 30 days and final report shall be submitted within 03 months from its constitution.

The Collector, South Goa District is directed to make all logistic arrangements including office and staff for the Inquiry Commission.

The Chairman and members shall be entitled for allowances and entitlements as per standard norms of the Inquiry Commission.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Parimal Rai, IAS, Principal Secretary (Revenue).

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